GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4080
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2002
INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FAMILY DISPUTES
JAYASHREE BANERJEE

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an apparent increase in the number of family disputes in the courts;

(b) if so, the number of disputes pending with family courts, State-wise;

(c) whether the work load of the courts have increased as women are actively taking the family disputes to the courts; and

(d) whether the Government proposed to set up more family courts to speed up disposal of family disputes?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b) : The institution of cases in the courts regarding family disputes is more or less at the same level. A Statement regarding number of family disputes pending as on 31.12.2001 with Family Courts, State-wise is at Annexe.

(c) : Yes, Madam. The work load of the courts has increased due to various reasons, including the fact that the women are actively taking family disputes to the courts.

(d) : Yes, Madam. On the basis of recommendation made by the Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women, the matter has been taken up with all the States Governments / UT Administrations to set up more Family Courts to speed up disposal of family disputes. Fifty percent Central grant has also been proposed to them for establishment and running of Family Courts during the year 2002-2003.

ANNEXE

Statement in reply to Part (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4080 for 18.4.2002

Name of the State	Pendency as on 31.12.2001
Andhra Pradesh	4151 (30.6.2001)
Assam	807
Bihar	1394 (30.6.2001)
Gujarat	6324
J & K	580 (30.6.2001)
Jharkhand	2219 (30.6.2001)
Karnataka	7591
Kerala	19731
Maharashtra	18629 (30.9.2001)
Manipur	N.A.
Orissa	3969
Pondicherry	648
Rajasthan	N.A.
Sikkim	N.A.
Tamil Nadu	8021
Uttar Pradesh	N.A.
Uttaranchal	343
West Bengal	611
Total	75018

Statement showing the State-wise number of cases instituted in various Family Courts

Name of the State	Cases instituted during 1999	Cases instituted during 2000	Cases instituted during 2001
Andhra Pradesh	4228	4300	1943 (30/6)
Assam	644	692	734
Bihar	411	419	241 (30/6)
Gujarat	-	3568	4393
J & K	428	513	174 (30/6)
Jharkhand	728	624	398 (30/6)
Karnataka	4729	5436	6184
Kerala	13623	12708	13305
Maharashtra	14272	14645	12241 (30/9)
Manipur	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Orissa	1691	2082	1945
Pondicherry	546	506	625
Rajasthan	5754	5456(30/9)	N.A.
Sikkim	229	141(30/9)	N.A.
Tamil Nadu	5940	5735	6064
Uttaranchal	552	486	383
Uttar Pradesh	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
West Bengal	420	437	501
Total	54195	57748	49122